

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-1501**

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The Honorable David Price  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing,  
and Urban Development, & Related  
Agencies  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing  
and Urban Development, & Related  
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Dear Chairman Price and Ranking Member Diaz-Balart:

As you craft the fiscal year 2022 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, & Related Agencies Appropriations bill, I respectfully request that you include \$1,000,000 in Community Project Funding for the Tower Terrace Road Corridor (Phase 7 Improvements). This project is being managed by the Corridor MPO, located at 101 First Street SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401.

This funding will be used to finalize construction of an east-to-west arterial connector roadway that is a regionally significant, multi-modal transportation corridor located in the north-central portion of the metro area. The cities of Marion, Ely, Cedar Rapids, Hiawatha, and Robins have grown at unprecedented rates in recent years, and the current infrastructure and residential streets can no longer sustain the local population. The only throughways connecting the two parallel highways, I-380 to IA 13/US 151, are outdated, residential streets that were not intended for mass commuter traffic, causing potential safety hazards. Phase 7 of the Tower Terrace Road Corridor completes the underfunded remaining segments, which are approximately 3.7 miles in length, and widens existing lanes to include bike lanes, turn lanes, and raised medians at side street intersections.

The robust economy of this community is impressive and has outgrown the current infrastructure that links these major roadways. An award of \$1,000,000 would provide these cities with the ability to modernize their infrastructure and provide them with room to continue their growth. In addition to reducing residential traffic and congestion, the Tower Terrace Road Corridor would increase accessibility for areas north of the Cedar Rapids metro to the largest high schools, businesses, and prospective development land for residential and commercial use.

I strongly urge the Committee to include this community project funding request in the FY 22 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, & Related Agencies Appropriations bill in order to increase accessibility, safety, and potential for continued economic growth for the entire community. This project is necessary to improve the quality of life for all residents who utilize both the major and smaller local roads in these five cities within the Cedar Rapids metro area.

Sincerely,



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Ashley Hinson  
Member of Congress  
Committee on Appropriations